

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 624 OF 2007

Sachin Shivaji Naik Applicant

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra Respondent

Mr. Jayesh B. Kocheta for the Applicant.
Ms. R.M. Gadhvi, APP for the Respondent.

CORAM : J.H. BHATIA, J.,
DATE : 13TH MARCH, 2007

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- 1) The applicant seeks to be released on bail in Crime no. 248 of 2006 registered by Vishrantwadi Police Station, Pune for the offences punishable under Sections 420, 467, 468 and 478 of the Indian Penal Code.
- 2) Heard Mr. Kocheta, learned Counsel, appearing for the applicant and Ms. R.M. Gadhvi, learned APP for the State. Perused the relevant investigation papers.
- 3) The prosecution case in brief is that, Assistant Police Commissioner, Crime Branch - I

Pune received information that four persons, including one Shaukatbhai Sayed who used to work as RT0 Agent, used to prepare and issue fake driving licenses. In view of this information, house of said Shaukatbhai was raided and in presence of Shaukatbhai and panch witnesses, search of his house was taken. During that search, a plastic bag containing rubber stamps, purporting to be of R.T.O. Raigad and R.T.O. Pen, were recovered. In all 15 rubber stamps, 15 blank driving licenses, 10 driving licenses having photographs and names of different persons, the blank and filled up forms, stamps etc. were found. These articles were used for the purpose of preparing and issuing fake driving licenses etc.. All these articles were seized under a panchanama at the spot. Later on said Shaukatbhai informed the Police that he used to get the rubber stamps of different RTOs from the present applicant, Sachin. On the basis of the information given by him, Police raided the house of accused- Sachin and a box containing material used for the purpose of making the rubber stamps was found. Said box came to be seized from the house of the present applicant under panchanama in his presence. When the Police party, alongwith Shaukatbhai, raided the house of the present applicant, the present applicant told the Police

that he was knowing Shaukatbhai and he had prepared certain rubber stamps for him. According to him, making of rubber stamps is his business.

4) From the material collected by the Police, at the most, it appears that said Shaukatbhai had got prepared certain rubber stamps from the present applicant, who is in that business, but there is nothing to show that the present applicant used to prepare, make or issue any false driving licenses or other documents to anybody. In such circumstances, I find that the applicant deserves to be granted bail.

5) The applicant be released on bail on his executing P.R. bond of Rs.5,000/- with one surety in like amount with a condition that he shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence.

(J.H. BHATIA, J.)